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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6058

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, LT

SUBJECT: CU/ARTS - GATEMOUTH BROWN

REF: (A) STATE 190003, (B) GABORONE 1543

1. SUMMARY. CU PROPOSAL FOR GATEMOUTH BROWN TOUR RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM BY GOL COORDINATOR FROM 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OFFICE WITH PROMISE FULLEST COOPERATION. GROUP WOULD BE OFFICIAL PROGRAM, PERFORMING EVENINGS OCT 2 AND 4. COORDINATOR ASSURES HOTEL RESERVATIONS, ALL OF WHICH BEING HANDLED BY CELEBRATIONS OFFICE. PROBLEM FORESEEN IN TRANSPORTING GROUP FROM GABORONE. SCHEDULED AIRLINE TRAVEL NOT FEASIBLE DUE TIMING AND OVERLAND BUS JOURNEY THROUGH APARTHEID RSA RULED OUT. CHARTER FLIGHT BEING INVESTIGATED.

2. EMBASSY PROPOSED FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

OCT 1 - LEAVE GABORONE

OCT 2 - FULL-LENGTH EVENING PERFORMANCE AT STADIUM, BEING AUGMENTED TO SEET 25,000. POWER AVAILABLE.

OCT 3 - REST, SIGHTSEEING. RECEPTION AT PAO'S RESIDENCE.

OCT 4 - FULL-LENGTH EVENING PERFORMANCE IN HOLIDAY INN THEATRE, SEATING 500.

OCT 5 - LEAVE MASERU.

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3. GATEMOUTH BROWN GROUP VIEWED BY EMBASSY AS EXCELLENT U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM BECAUSE OF ITS HIGH VISIBILITY FACTOR AND RECOMMENDS CHARTER FLIGHT ARRANGEMENT BE GIVEN EVERY CONSIDERATION IN ORDER SOLVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

4. DESPITE ASSURANCES REGARDING ACCOMMODATIONS, EXPECTED INFLUX OF VIP VISITORS COULD PRE-EMPT HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS. EARLY ACCEPTANCE OF SCHEDULE (ITEM 2) HOWEVER, MIGHT ASSIST EMBASSY IN OBTAINING WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF PROMISES.

5. NO ADMISSION FEES WOULD BE INVOLVED. PER DIEM WOULD BE PAID.

6. PIANOS AVAILABLE.

7. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP AND FORWARD PUBLICITY PHOTOS AND DETAILS OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP.  
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